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The nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosure contained in this application does not comply with the requirements for such a disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.821 - 1.825 for the following reason(s):

1. This application clearly fails to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.821-1.825. Applicant's attention is directed to these regulations, published at 1114 OG 29, May 15, 1990 and at 55 FR 8230, May 1, 1990.
2. This application does not contain, as a separate part of the disclosure on paper copy, a "Sequence Listing" as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.821(c).
3. A copy of the "Sequence Listing" in Computer Readable Form (CRF) has not been submitted as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.821(e).
4. A copy of the "Sequence Listing" in Computer Readable Form (CRF) has been submitted. However, the content of the CRF does not comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.822 and/or 1.823, as indicated on the attached copy of the marked-up "Raw Sequence Listing."
5. The Computer Readable Form (CRF) that has been filed with this application has been found to be damaged and/or unreadable as indicated on the attached CRF Diskette Problem Report. A substitute CRF must be submitted as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.825(d).
6. The paper copy of the "Sequence Listing" is not the same as the Computer Readable Form (CRF) of the "Sequence Listing" as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.821(e).

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1. Applicants' response to the restriction requirement (under lack of unity) is acknowledged.

Applicants have elected group I, claims 1-6, 13-18, 14, 25, 28-31 with new claims 38-44), with traverse. The traversal is based on the argument that the prior art has not disclosed the nucleotide sequence of the preferred embodiment of the claimed nitroreductases. Applicants assert that the reference cited (Tomb et al) only discloses the entire genome of the Helicobacter pylori. However, a review shows that Tomb disclosed individual genes within the entire genome and identified the sequence corresponding that which encodes the invention nitroreductases. Therefore, the claimed inventions lack unity as defined under PCT Rule 13.1 and 13.2. The restriction requirement is proper and is therefore, made FINAL.

2. This application contains sequence disclosures that are encompassed by the definitions for nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences set forth in 37 CFR 1.821(a)(1) and (a)(2). However, this application fails to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.821 through 1.825 for the reason(s) set forth on the attached Notice To Comply With Requirements For Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence And/Or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures.

The application lacks a Computer Readable Form (CRF) of the sequence listing. Because the claims refer to a specific sequence that requires searching against computer databases, applicants must supply a CRF.

✓ APPLICANT IS GIVEN A ONE MONTH EXTENDABLE PERIOD WITHIN WHICH TO COMPLY WITH THE SEQUENCE RULES, 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825. Failure to comply with these requirements will result in ABANDONMENT of the application under 37 CFR 1.821(g). Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136. In no case may an applicant extend the period for response

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yvonne Eyler, Ph.D. can be reached at (571) 272-0871.

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